

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Prepare for Voting - Watch a Video**

Bismarck – Secretary of State Al Jaeger has announced the release of a series of voter education videos for the 2006 election cycle. They are intended to educate voters on the new statewide voting system, voter rights and responsibilities, absentee and election day voting, and about the state's election procedures and laws.

The videos are available to the general public through North Dakota's county auditors, advocacy organizations, and can also be viewed on the Secretary of State's website. Funding for the video production was provided through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). They were produced by KAT Productions, Bismarck, using North Dakota citizens as actors.

North Dakota voters will have their first opportunity to use the new statewide voting system in the June 13 election. The videos will help educate voters on the new optical scanners and the voter assistive ballot marking devices, which allow voter's with disabilities to vote privately and unassisted.

According to Jaeger, his office and the state's HAVA Education Committee, which was appointed by Jaeger, have worked on the production of the videos for the past several months in an effort to provide voters with as much information as possible to make the process of voting easy and accessible. Jaeger says he is "very grateful for the hard work of the committee and for the input of the organizations that have made these videos possible."

The videos are available in either DVD or VHS formats with closed captioning. They can be viewed or downloaded from Secretary of State's website at [www.nd.gov/sos](http://www.nd.gov/sos) or borrowed from any county auditor's office, North Dakota Association of Counties, North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project's regional offices, AARP, Aging Services in the Department of Human Services, or the Secretary of State's office.

The four video titles are: Voting In North Dakota: A Guided Tour, which has general voter information; A New Experience for the Experienced Voter, which is for older aged voters; Voting: A Right and Privilege for America's Youth, intended for younger and first-time voters; and The Right To Vote: Accessible Options for All, which provides instructions to voters with disabilities allowing them to vote unassisted.